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9-10 a.m. * 1352 Q.—SRI K. UPPI (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the prevalence of smallpox in Badagara, Vanmugam and other places in Kurumbranad taluk; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to provide medical relief to those affected to prevent the spread of the disease and to supply food to the poor families affected by the disease?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Medicines were supplied by the District Health Officer, North Malabar, for the free treatment of all indigent and destitute cases. An intensive vaccination campaign was carried out in the area. Action was taken to distribute skim milk powder, clothes and rice among the poor people affected."

SRI K. UPPI :—" Smallpox is prevalent not only in the Badagara town but it is also spreading outside the town and surrounding villages. Therefore, will the Government be pleased to take immediate action to stop the further spread of smallpox in the Kurumbranad taluk?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the public health staff are very alert and whenever measures are to be taken for controlling it, they do take action in the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In the previous similar question also, the Hon. Minister said that he had no information to the question whether isolation wards were put up. The Madras Public Health Act enjoins on the Government to ask the concerned local body to construct such wards. May I know why the Government have failed to do it in this case?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not admit that the Government have failed to do it. I only said that I had no information about that particular matter."

Piggery in the State.

* 1353 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any piggery maintained by the Government in the State;

(b) whether any subsidy has been paid by the Government to one Mrs. M. M. Buck of Pudupakkam village in Chingleput taluk for rearing Berkshire pigs; and

(c) if so, the total amount of subsidy paid to her during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No piggery is being maintained by the Government.

" (b) The answer is in the negative.

" (c) Does not arise."

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Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of starting a number of piggeries at least in some selected centres in our State? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That would depend upon an assured market for pork. The Co-operative Department did examine this proposal but found that there would be no commercial market for it. Unless a commercial market is established—that would depend upon more people taking to pork—it is not practicable to start such centres."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, when we leave the precincts of the City of Madras, it is a common sight to see pigs roaming about the streets everywhere. That means that piggery or the breeding of pigs is a very common occupation amongst the lower classes of the people like the Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Therefore, will the Government encourage them by giving subsidies or loans or grants to rear more pigs? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think that the rearing of pigs in the way in which the hon. Member describes, needs any subsidy."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that it is a highly lucrative trade, will the Government be pleased to encourage house-wives to take up to this trade? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like the hon. Member to prepare a specific scheme and submit it to the Government. Then they will consider it."

Sri M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to pay a visit to the farm of Mrs. Buck where pigs of both the foreign and indigenous types are kept so that the rearing of country pigs can be improved? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already seen such a big piggery farm and it is not necessary to pay a visit to this particular farm. But this depends again upon a commercial market."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister in reply to clause (*b*) of the main question, said that no subsidy had been given. May I know whether Mrs. M. M. Buck of Pudupakkam village in Chingleput taluk had applied for any financial help? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whether she has applied or not, no subsidy has been paid to her."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the roaming about of pigs on a large scale in the Tiruchirappalli town and its surroundings—these pigs are otherwise called ' sanitary inspectors of the town '. Therefore, will the Government start a co-operative society for the purpose of encouraging piggery in the State."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If co-operative societies are to be formed for the rearing of that type of pigs, then they will cease to be ' sanitary inspectors ' as described by the hon. Member."

Conversion of second-grade colleges into first-grade.

* 1354 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government second grade colleges converted into first grade colleges in the State during 1954 ;

(*b*) the number of Government colleges proposed to be converted into first grade colleges during 1955 ;

(*c*) whether the post-graduate course and B.Sc. course have been introduced in the Coimbatore Arts College ; and

(*d*) if not, why ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There was no second grade Government college in the Madras State in 1953–54. Hence the conversion did not arise in 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) The University does not permit the opening of new Post-Graduate courses in the affiliated colleges in the mufassal. B.Sc., courses could not be opened in the Government Arts College, Coimbatore, for want of accommodation."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த கோர்ஸ்களை அடுத்த வருஷமாவது ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசித்து வருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அடுத்த வருஷம் ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கும் சௌகர்யம் இல்லை."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that we have more Arts colleges than colleges having B.Sc. and other technical courses, will the Government see that more B.Sc. and other technical courses are introduced in our colleges as we want to industrialize our country and set up a socialistic pattern of society in line with the industrial policy adopted in the Parliament ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—B.Sc. course is only a Science course and there is a difference of opinion whether we should have more B.Sc. courses or B.A. courses. I could very well understand the introduction of more technical courses in our colleges. But now the opinion seems to be that B.Sc. courses should be limited and there should be more emphasis on general education and B,A. courses are more beneficial to the students than B.Sc. courses."